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Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I know what special crops they intend taking into consideration in this Bill regarding the establishment of markets ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Cotton, chillies, tobacco, etc."

Industries

Alleged decline of the weaving industry at Kudithini.

* 1505 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Kudithini village of Bellary district was formerly a great centre for weaving cumblies (woollen blankets) ;

(*b*) whether the business is now steadily on the decline ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the decline is due to the lack of enough grazing ground and other facilities for rearing sheep ; and

(*d*) the number of sheep and goats in the village, according to the latest quinquennium statistics and each of the four previous quinquenniums ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information beyond that given in the report of the Special Officer on the Survey of Cottage Industries in Bellary.

			Number of	
			Goats.	Sheep.
(*d*) Latest quinquennial statistics		...	1,458	911
Quinquennium ending	1924	...	926	1,395
Do.	1919	...	627	678
Do.	1914	...	919	551
Do.	1909	...	Not available.	

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" In view of the steady decline in the number of sheep and other animals necessary for the prosperity of this cumbli weaving, will the Government give facilities to the ryots to take their sheep to the forests near-by ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" The number of sheep is not declining."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I know, Sir, whether one of the forests near the village which was used by the shepherds of this village for a long time for grazing their sheep and goats was recently handed over to the Military Department ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Notice, Sir."

Utilization of bore-holes for irrigation purposes in the Bellary district.

* 1506 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 139, dated the 8th August 1929, whether the Government have demonstrated the possibility of the successful utilization of the bore-holes for irrigation purposes in the Bellary district ?